

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

This piece is going
to be aired,
commercial-free,
during prime time on
several dozen
television stations,
representing all of
the major networks,
across the nation,
including in swing
states, just days
before our upcoming
election. Some of
these channels even
plan to classify the
piece as "news".

This is a partisan
attempt to sway an
election -- which it
will undoubtedly do
-- using our public
airwaves. I ask you
to stop this
shameful political
move, and to ask the
Sinclair Group to
cancel its plans,
and to allow our
free country to hold
free elections.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news

about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.